

June

Saturday, June 1

Birds of a Feather: Take Flight on a Bird Walk

10am – 1pm

With spring migration in full swing, the Refuge is all aflutter! Experience the thrill of seeing swallows (four different species) or the “*wichity wichity*” of the common yellowthroat! Join experienced birder Eric Slagle for a guided walk full of the sights and sounds of one of the Refuge’s largest treasures – the birds! Meet at the landing overlooking the pond at the Visitor Center.

Sunday, June 2

It’s in Your Nature: Exploring the Wild

9am – 11am

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Converge

1pm - 2:30pm

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Saturday, July 27

Birding Basics: Learning to See

9am – 11am

What subtle cues do experienced birders use to quickly and accurately identify species? Birding is nothing less than the art of seeing, so the techniques used by birders increase awareness of all things natural. Refuge Ranger Michael Schramm will guide you through the estuary's diverse habitats on an odyssey of avian discovery, all the while teaching the ins and outs of birding. Meet at the landing overlooking the pond at the Visitor Center – and remember to bring binoculars!

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Our Amazing Plant World

1pm – 2:30pm

Summer is the perfect time to experience the Refuge plant life in all its diversity! Join Sally Vogel on a nature walk through the Refuge—all the while learning about plant-insect interactions, adaptations for survival and other interesting facts. You only live once: Stop to smell the flowers! Meet at the flagpole in front of the Visitor Center.

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Nisqually Watershed Festival

10am – 4pm

Tours and guided walks through-out the day, as well as music, live animal presentations, education exhibits, a marine touch tank, and Fin, the Wild Olympic Salmon! Join us in a celebration of the cultural, economic and natural resources of the Nisqually Watershed!